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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Water and wastewater systems eligible for federal assistance  
**FROM:** Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment  
**DATE:** September 20, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** Process for requesting federal assistance

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced on September 12, 2013 that federal disaster assistance has been made available to Colorado to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the September 2013 Flooding Incident.

The Flooding Incident currently has two declarations.

1. The Emergency Disaster Declaration now includes 12 counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Fremont, Jefferson, Morgan, Logan, Pueblo, Washington and Weld Counties. Emergency assistance is designed to supplement state and local efforts to provide life-saving and life-sustaining measures to areas affected by the severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides.
2. The Major Disaster Declaration through the Stafford Act for Individual Assistance (IA) and Public Assistance (PA) was approved yesterday to include four counties: Adams, Boulder, Larimer, and Weld. This number may grow as further damage assessments are completed.

What this means is that there is a possibility for reimbursement of expenditures for your water or wastewater system related to the September 2013 Flooding Incident. If your water or wastewater system was impacted by September 2013 Flooding Incident flooding, keep track of all expenditures and receipts incurred due to activities related to emergency protective measures (i.e. equipment, materials, employee overtime hours). Be sure to take photos of all damage. The following EPA website provides guidance and templates for documenting damage, costs, and repairs:

<http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/watersecurity/funding/fedfunds/disaster.cfm>. There is no guarantee of reimbursement. See diagram below for process for requesting federal assistance.

A Joint – State and FEMA Preliminary Disaster Assessment will be conducted to assist in the identification of potential projects.

Please contact your local Office of Emergency Management if you have any questions or would like more information.

### **Process for Requesting Federal Assistance**

Impacted utility contacts their local Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and works with them to submit a reimbursement request



Local OEMs submit a list of all their reimbursement requests to Colorado Department of Emergency Management (CDEM)



CDEM submits a compiled state reimbursement list made up of all the local lists to FEMA



FEMA decides from the state list what they will reimburse (75% federal, 25% state) and then gives the funds to CDEM to distribute to the local OEMs who will then give them to the recipients